

REMARKS

Applicants have read and considered the Office Action dated March 24, 2009. Claims 1-8 have been amended and new claims 9-16 have been added. Claims 1-16 are currently pending. Reconsideration is hereby requested.

In the Action, claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. With regard to claim 1, the Action stated that the switch and the position sensor are not definitely claimed. The Action also contends that the DACs being optionally used is not supported by the figures shown. The Office Action also states that a digital to analog converter shows a Fast DAC and a Precise DAC while the claims just recite first and second DACs.

Claim 1 has been amended and positively recite a structure indicated in the Office Action as not being definitely claimed as well as to provide clarification regarding the digital to audio converters. Applicants assert that the rejection of claim 1 has been overcome.

With regard to claims 2 and 3, the Action states that the claims only recite goals and names command signals without further limiting the structure. Applicants note that the method has now been further limited by positively reciting additional steps in claims 2 and 3.

The Action states that claim 4 is confusing and lacks a verb. Claim 4 has been amended to include a verb that positively recites an action step.

With regard to claims 5-8, the Action states that claims list goals and mentions components but do not definitively claim them. Claims 5-8 have been amended to positively recite action steps. Applicants assert that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph have been overcome. Applicants request that the rejections be withdrawn.

New claims 9-16 have been added and are also viewed to patentably distinguish over the prior art. Moreover, Applicants note that the indefiniteness rejections related to claims 1-8 have

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been taken into account for claims 9-16. Applicants assert that claims 9-16 are in condition for allowance.

A speedy and favorable Action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is hereby solicited.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview may be helpful in this matter, please contact Applicants' representative, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 336.4728.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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